passenger amenities. Action has already been initiated to provide upgraded facilities at Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Tirupati, Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada stations. Since Guntur, Guntakal, Rajahmundry and Warangal have been selected as model stations only recently, instructions have been issued to the concerned Railways to initiate action to provide upgraded amenities at these stations at the earliest. The required funds shall be provided for execution of identified works during 2000-2001.

Remodelling of Railway Stations in A.P.

1029. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal for remodelling of Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Vijayawada Railway Stations;

(b) by when the work would start; and

(c) the amount earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Details of Works taken up are as under:—

Secunderabad:

Works of provision of second entry on Bhoiguda side include plantation and land scaping on both sides, improvements to booking office and washable apron on Road No. 3 were completed recently. Construction of new station building and circulating area on Bhoiguda side has already been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 163.00 lakhs.

Hyderabad:

Work of remodelling of station building, at a cost of Rs. 2.46 Crores is in progress. In addition works for provision of washable apron on platform line, improvements to surface of platforms No. 6 and 7, mastic flooring on platform No. 1 and 2, extension of cover over platform No. 1 and 2, improvements to lighting

arrangements, and augmentation of coach watering arrangement have been taken up at a cost of Rs. 89.09 lakh.

Vijayawada:

Works of beautification of station building, provision of escalators on platform No.5/6, provision of additional water coolers on platforms 1, 2/3 and 7 and improvements of damaged flooring in catering stalls and platforms, provision of kitchen accessories, replacement of furniture in waiting room, replacement of tiles in retiring rooms and platforms toilets and replacement of damaged wall panel in booking and reservation office have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 237.45 lakhs.

Bangalore-Sathyamangala-Kanakpur Rail Line

1030. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for laying a new rail line between Bangalore-Sathyamangala *via* Kanakpur, in Karnataka was included in the budget for 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has requested for early clearance of the project and has requested for allocation of funds in the Budget for 1999-2000;

(d) if so, the current status of the proposal and the allocation made in the 1999-2000 Financial year for implementation of the project; and

(e) the targeted date for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The work has been included at a cost of Rs. 225 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Clearances have been obtained and Rs. 2 crores has been provided in Budget 1999-2000.

(e) Target Date has not yet been fixed.